

NORTH RENTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
ESTABLISHED 1999
Bylaws of the North Renton Neighborhood Association

Preamble

The North Renton Neighborhood Association is a non-profit organization formed under the laws of the State of Washington and the City of Renton. Our Mission is to elevate the integrity of the neighborhood in order to enhance the quality of life for all our Residents.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the North Renton Neighborhood Association.

ARTICLE II. GOALS

The Goals of this organization shall be as follows:

Section 2.01

To conduct public meetings and distribute newsletters on regular basis in order to educate the public on subjects beneficial to the community.

Section 2.02

To cultivate a community spirit through education and sharing of cultural sources.

Section 2.03

To maintain a vigilant awareness of private or government activities that affect the quality of life in North Renton. To elect members of the community who will have the responsibility of being aware of such activities and of taking any appropriate action to further or protect the interest of the community.

Section 2.04

To provide an organized way for residents of the North Renton Neighborhood Association to participate in discussions of any proposal effecting the community.

Section 2.05

Should the Association dissolve at any point and there be any funds left in the Association account which do not have designated use or return of funds (for example – Grant money from the City which may have covenants on their use) those unallocated funds shall be distributed to another nonprofit with like-minded causes and goals, per the requirement of 501(c)3 ez if obtained by the Association.

ARTICLE III. THE COMMUNITY SERVED

Lake Washington to the North. 1-405 to the East, Bronson Way to the South and the Cedar River to the West. Provided, however, that any matter of concern which may affect the community within the above-described district shall be a proper subject for discussion and action by this organization.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 4.01

Voting Members. Any person who is a resident of the community described in Article 3, or who owns property or a business in the community, is eligible to become a Voting Member of this organization upon completion of a membership information card.

Section 4.02

Associate Members. Any person who is interested in the welfare of the organization but unable to qualify as a Voting Member, may apply for Associate Membership. The dues for Associate Members will be the same as for Voting Members, and Associate Members shall have the rights and privileges of Voting Members, with voice and no vote, and they may not serve as an Officer of the Organization.

ARTICLE V. DUES

The Board shall at their November meeting establish what the dues structures will be for the following year, taking into consideration past and anticipated future operating costs as well as the need to ensure that membership dues are reasonable.

ARTICLE VI. VOTING RIGHTS

Annual membership dues shall be for the period of January 1 to December 31. No member shall be entitled to vote if his or her dues have not been paid as of the date of the vote. The Membership Secretary shall mail reminder statements and dues for the following year shall be paid before December 31. Dues may be pro-rated for the first year of the membership.

ARTICLE VII. POWER AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

Board of Directors

Section 7.01

The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of not fewer than five nor more than nine Directors, who shall be elected by the members of the Association.

Section 7.02

The members of the association at any annual meeting may change the number of Directors within those limits, but shall not reduce the number in such a manner to deny an incumbent Director (unless removed for cause) a full term in office.

Section 7.03

Power and Duties of the Board. The Board shall have the powers and duties to provide for the administration of the Association, and may do all such acts and things as are not prohibited by statute.

Section 7.04

Election and Term of Office. The Association shall elect a Board of Directors. Nominations for Board of Directors will be at the October meeting. With the election of the Board of Directors to be at the November meeting.

Section 7.05

The term of officers for Directors will begin immediately following the meeting at which they were elected. The normal term of office will be for three years and until their successors are elected and take office. However, to begin with one third of the number of Directors shall be elected for one year, the same number shall be elected for two years and the remainder elected every three years.

Election of Officers**Section 7.06**

The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors, from the Board of Directors, at the first Board meeting of the Association which will be held immediately after adjournment of the regular meeting in November. The officers shall consist of, PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY/TREASURER AND RECORDING/SECRETARY. They shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board.

(a) The President shall chair the Board.

(b) In order to conduct official business, a quorum of *a majority of the Board members shall be present, a majority of those present shall be necessary for any decision.

(c) Each Officer shall be a voting Member. Any Officer who no longer qualifies as a Voting Member shall no longer hold Office, and the position shall be declared vacant by the Board. The Board may also declare a position vacant if any Officer is absent from more than 3 meetings during a calendar year.

(d) The board shall, by a majority vote, designate a person to complete the term of any Officer whose position has been vacated, except that a vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by the Vice-President.

(e) The terms of office for each Officer shall be one year, from December 1st to November 30th. If for any reason new Officers are not elected as herein provided, the existing officers shall continue to serve until their successors have been elected.

(f) The Board shall hold a minimum of 6 monthly meetings each year, the time and place to be determined annually by the Board. The President may also call a meeting of the Board by making a valid effort to contact all members of the Board at least 24 hours in advance.

(g) An Officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Voting Members present at membership or special meeting. Notice of such proposed action shall have been distributed to the Membership at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Notices will be sent out using the list.

(h) No Officer shall publicly take a position on any question in the name of the Association, unless such a position has been approved by the Board, or by the Voting_Members.

ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 8.01

The President shall preside at all Membership Meetings; appoint and remove committee chairpersons, call all Special Meetings, implement Board decisions and perform such duties as office of the President.

Section 8.02

The Vice-President shall be responsible for Membership Meeting programs The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or the disability of the President.

Section 8.03

The recording Secretary shall keep full and accurate minutes of all meetings of this association and such other duties of a secretarial nature as is usually performed by the Secretary of an association. The Recording Secretary shall maintain the permanent records of the organization.

Section 8.04

The Secretary Treasurer shall keep a register of the membership of the association, showing their addresses and dues record, and shall also be the custodian of the funds of the association, and keep a record of all receipts and the disbursements, and render a financial report to the Association at the regular monthly meetings.

Section 8.05

The incoming Secretary Treasurer shall supervise the preparation of an annual budget in cooperation with the Board. The Secretary Treasurer shall pay the bills for those items included in the budget, and any other explicitly authorized by the Board. The Secretary Treasurer shall turn over to the successor all moneys and property, together with a full accounting of the same.

Section 8.06

The Board may, at its discretion, require a bond for the Secretary Treasurer with the premium to be paid by the association. The Board may also require an audit of the books at any time.

ARTICLE IX. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 9.01

No fewer than 6 monthly meetings shall be scheduled each calendar year. Said meetings are to be held at a time and place determined annually by the Board and community to the general membership. Special meetings of the Membership may be held upon the order of the President, upon the request of

a majority of the Board or petition of the Members. Notice of the Special Meeting shall be distributed to each Member at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Notices will be sent out using the mailing list.

Section 9.02

No notice of regular Membership Meetings shall be necessary.

Section 9.03

Twelve Voting Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at a Membership Meeting, and the majority of those voting shall be necessary for any official action; provided, however, a decision to override the Board is controlled by paragraph 9.04 of this Article.

Section 9.04

The Membership may set forth a motion to override a decision of the Board by a majority vote at a regular Membership or Special Meeting for which a quorum is at least 12 voting members, at that time the motion will move to a full vote for all voting members. Notice of the proposed override must be distributed to each Member at least 5 days prior to the meeting.

Section 9.05

Parliamentary rulings shall govern procedure in accordance with the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order except as herein otherwise provided.

Section 9.06

Any voting member who is unable to attend the meeting where a vote will take place, they can give their vote in writing to the Recording Secretary 24 hours before the meeting where the vote will take place.

ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES

The President may appoint any committees helpful in carrying out the objectives of the association. Such committees shall report to the Board, and shall not publicly take a position on any question in the name of the Association, unless such a position has been approved by the Board or by the Membership.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular Membership or Special Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the Members present providing that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing at the preceding meeting, and written notice distributed to the Members at least 5 days prior to the Meeting. Notices will be sent out using the mailing list.